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SUMMARY: AMB. CALOGERAS NOTED THAT PROGRESS WAS BEING
ACHIEVED BY THE SOFA SUB-GROUP, BUT BECAUSE OF THE
REITERATED GREEK VIEW THAT THE BASE HAD TO BE CLOSED HE
WAS RELUCTANT TO FORM A SUBGROUP ON HELLENIKON. MINISTER
STEARNS STATED THAT IF THE GREEK POSITION WAS UNYIELDING,
AND EVERYTHING ON THE BASE HAD TO BE ELIMINATED, THEN THERE
WAS LITTLE THAT COULD BE DONE AT THE LEVEL OF THE NEGOTIATING
TEAMS. THE GREEK SIDE THEN AGREED TO THE FORMATION OF A
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SUB-GROUP ON HELLENIKON, TO MEET APRIL 11, AND THE US SIDE

PRESENTED AN OVERVIEW BRIEFING OF THE KINDS OF CHANGE IT CONTEMPLATED FOR HELLENIKON. THE CHIEF NEGOTIATORS AGREED THAT THEY WOULD DISCUSS SUBSEQUENTLY THE USEFULNESS OF FORMING A SUB-GROUP ON HOMEPORING. CALOGERAS THEN OUTLINED THE GREEK CONCEPT OF A NEW BASIC AGREEMENT, INCLUDING AN OMNIBUS COVER AGREEMENT SETTING FORTH GENERAL PRINCIPLES, TO BE SUPPLEMENTED BY ANNEXES ADDRESSING INDIVIDUAL FACILITIES OR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES AND APPENDICES COVERING ASPECTS OF THEIR FUNCTIONING. STEARNS STATED THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED THAT CERTAIN EXISTING AGREEMENTS MIGHT PROVE TO BE COMPLETELY ADEQUATE WITH CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS. CALOGERAS OUTLINED ISSUES WHICH IN THE GOG CONCEPT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE BASIC AGREEMENT, WHOSE TEXT HE PROMOSSED TO PROVIDE BY APRIL 15, AMONG WHICH WERE GREEK BASE COMMANDERS AND RESIDENT DETACHMENTS, US ACCESS TO FACILITIES (E.G. OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING RIGHTS, AND PORT VISITS), DISPOSITION OF RESIDUAL PROPERTY, TECHNICAL TRAINING OF GREEK FORCES BY US COLLOCATED FORCES, PURPOSES FOR WHICH US FORCES AND FACILITIES IN GREECE MIGHT BE USED, GREEK CONTROL OF BASES IN TIME OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION, AND TERMINATION ARRANGEMENTS.

1. THE SECOND PLENARY SESSION AT 1000 HOURS ON APRIL 10 MET AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. AMBASSADOR CALOGEROS INTRODUCED MR. MACHERITSAS, AN ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISER ADDED TO THE GREEK DELEGATION. CALOGERAS THEN COMMENTED THAT THE STATUS OF FORCES SUBGROUP HAD CLEARED SOME OF THE GROUND ON THAT SUBJECT. MINISTER STEARNS AGREED THAT THE WORK OF THE SOFA SUBGROUP HAD BEEN EXTREMELY USEFUL AND SAID THAT THE US SIDE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE FORMATION OF THE TWO ADDITIONAL SUBGROUPS PROPOSED EARLIER IF THE GREEK SIDE WAS PREPARED TO DO SO. CALOGERAS STATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO HARD AND FAST DECISIONS MADE ON THE LEVEL OF HIS DELEGATION NOR AT ANY HIGHER LEVEL UNTIL THE GREEK SIDE HAD HEARD IN DETAIL WHAT THE US SIDE HAD TO SAY. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS STILL HESITANT TO AGREE TO THE IMMEDIATE FORMATION OF THE OTHER TWO SUBGROUPS MENTIONED IN THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION. CALOGERAS BELIEVED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONING OF AMERICAN TENANT FACILITIES ON HELLENIKON WOULD BE TROUBLESOME IN THAT GREEK PUBLIC
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OPINION WOULD SOON FIND OUT THAT NOT MUCH HAD CHANGED. THEREFORE, CALOGERAS REITERATED THAT THIS FACILITY WOULD HAVE TO BE CLOSED. NEVERTHELESS, BEFORE CONSIDERING THE FORMATION OF A SUBGROUP, CALOGERAS ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FROM THE US SIDE CONCERNING THE FACILITIES THE US WOULD WANT TO CONTINUE ON THE MERGED HELLENIKON BASE.

2. CALOGERAS REFERRED TO THE PRESENCE OF OTHER US FACILITIES ON GREEK SOIL, NOTING THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO CONVEY THE IMPRESSION THAT HELLENIKON, SOFA ISSUES, AND HOMEPORING WERE THE ONLY PROBLEMS TO BE FACED. CALOGERAS ASKED FOR THE US VIEW CONCERNING CLOSING OR CHANGING THE FUNCTION OF THESE OTHER FACILITIES. STEARNS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT EITHER SIDE COULD RAISE ANY SUBJECT IT WISHED, BUT ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST DIFFICULT FOR THE US SIDE TO COMMENT ON OTHER FACILITIES UNTIL THE GREEK SIDE DEFINED WHAT THE GREEK FOUNDS TROUBLESOME ABOUT THEM. THE US SIDE DESIRED TO CONCENTRATE ON THE THREE PRINCIPAL ISSUES IN ORDER TO SIMPLIFY A COMPLICATED SUBJECT. FOR THIS REASON THE US TEAM HAD PREPARED CONSIDERABLE MATERIAL ON HELLENIKON AND SOFA ISSUES AND WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS HOMEPORING AND RELATED FACILITIES. THE KEY ISSUE WHICH HAD EMERGED SO FAR WAS THE FUTURE OF US FACILITIES AT HELLENIKON. STEARNS POINTED OUT THAT THE SERVICES PERFORMED THERE WERE EXCEPTIONALLY IMPORT AND VITAL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF AN EFFECTIVE US PRESENCE IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. THE US BELIEVED THAT THEY WERE EQUALLY VITAL TO GREECE AND TO GREEK DEFENSE. IF THE TWO SIDES COULD ONLY TALK ABOUT EITHER MAINTAINING UNCHANGED OR ELIMINATING ENTIRELY THE FACILITY, THEN THERE WAS VERY LITTLE TO DISCUSS AT THE NEGOTIATORS LEVEL. THE MATTER THEN BECAME A POLITICAL DECISION FOR THE US AND GREECE WITH WIDER IMPLICATIONS. THEREFORE, TO AVOID A FRUITLESS EXERCISE OF REPEATING GREEK DEMANDS FOR TERMINATION AND US INSISTENCE ON RETENTION, THE US SIDE HOPED TO HAVE AN INFORMAL EXAMINATION OF ALL THE DETAILS OF THE PROBLEM. THE US SIDE CONTINUED TO HOPE THAT SOME FLEXIBILITY AND ROOM FOR COMPROMISE EXISTED EVEN THOUGH THE GREEK SIDE HAD ADVANCED A CATEGORICAL POSITION. THEREFORE, STEARNS AGAIN PRESSED FOR THE FORMATION OF A SUBGROUP TO EXPLORE
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3. CALOGERAS THANKED THE US DELEGATION FOR ITS UNDERSTANDING OF THE GREEK POINT OF VIEW, REEMPHASIZED THAT WHATEVER THE TWO SIDES DISCUSSED DID NOT CHANGE EITHER POSITION, AND IN VIEW OF THE US REQUEST AND WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING, AGREED TO THE FORMATION OF THE SUBFOUP ON HELLENIKON. HE IDENTIFIED FOUR HAF COLONELS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HELLENIKON SUBGROUP, ONE OF WHOM WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION. STEARNS EXPRESSED HIS GRATIFICATION AT THE FORMATION OF THE SUBGROUP, ANNOUNCED THE NAMES OF THE US MEMBERS, AND AGREED THAT EXPERTS FROM OUTSIDE THE DELEGATIONS MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN SUBGROUPS. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE SUBGROUP WOULD MEET AT 1000 APRIL 11. STEARNS THEN SUGGESTED THAT THE US SIDE MAKE A PRESENTATION IN MORE DETAIL OF THE US PROPOSAL ON HELLENIKON, WHICH HE HOPED WOULD PROVIDE USEFUL BACKGROUND FOR THE WORK OF THE
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SUBGROUP. STEARNS ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE FORMATION OF A SUBGROUP ON HOMEPORING, AND IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS MATTER WOULD BE DISCUSSED EITHER AT THE NEXT PLENARY ON APRIL 15 OR PRIOR TO THAT TIME BETWEEN THE TWO TEAM LEADERS.

4. COL. MAJORS, OSD/ISA, THEN SET FORTH CERTAIN US SUGGESTIONS ON ATHENAI AIR BASE. THE SALIENT POINTS WERE:

THE US PROPOSAL FOR THE FUTURE DISPOSITION OF THE US AIRBASE AT HELLENIKON WAS DEVELOPED IN CONSIDERATION OF GREEK POLITICAL CONCERN FOR THE EXISTENCE OF A FOREIGN MILITARY ACILITY IN A VERY VISIBLE LOCATION AND THE US NEED FOR CONTINUED USE OF FACILITIES AT HELLENIKON TO SERVE MUTUAL SECURITY INTERESTS. THE US UNDERSTOOD AND FULLY APPRECIATED THE GREEK POSITION AND DESIRED TO SATISFY GREEK CONCERNS BUT ALSO HOPED THE GREEK SIDE WOULD APPROACH THE PROBLEM WITH AN EQUAL APPRECIATION OF THE US POSITION AND WITH A BROAD VIEW OF HOW AND US PRESENCE AT HELLENIKON SERVED THE SECURITY NEEDS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE GREEK SIDE UNDERSTAND TWO VITAL POINTS, THAT THE AIRBASE WAS THE KEYSTONE OF ALL US MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN GREECE, HOSTING FUNCTIONS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF ALL OTHER US ACTIVITIES IN GREECE WHICH THE US CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO GREEK AND US SECURITY. THEREFORE, IF THE GREEK SIDE CONSIDERED ANY US FUNCTION IMPORTANT TO GREECE'S SECURITY, IT OUGHT TO ATTACH THE SAME PRIORITY TO THE AIRBASE, WHICH SUPPORTED THAT FUNCTION. THE GREEK SIDE HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON ALL US ACTIVITIES IN GREAT DETAIL AND US SIDE WAS WILLING TO PROVIDE THEM WITH ANY OTHER INFORMATION THEY DESIRED. FUNDS WERE SIMPLY NOT AVAILABLE TO RELOCATE THESE ACTIVITIES. VITAL FUNCTIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE TERMINATED, WITH A SERIOUS DEGRADATION OF CAPABILITIES WHICH WOULD NOT BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE US OR GREECE. AT PRESENT, THE AIRBASE WAS A US FACILITY ADJACENT TO A HELLENIC AIR FORCE BASE, EACH OF WHICH HAD ITS INDIVIDUAL COMMANDER AND OPERATED AS A COMPLETELY SEPARATE ENTITY. THE US SIDE AGREED THAT THE US FACILITY WAS CONSPICUOUSLY AMERICAN AND APPRECIATED GREEK CONCERN ABOUT THIS US VISIBILITY UNDER PRESENT POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES. THE US PROPOSAL WAS TO RETURN THE US AIRBASE AREA TO CONTROL

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OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT FOR CONSOLIDATION WITH THE ADJACENT HELLENIC AIR FORCE BASE UNDER A GREEK COMMANDER. THE US BASE WOULD CEASE TO BE A SEPARATE FACILITY BOTH IN FORM AND IN FACT AND US ACTIVITIES WOULD CONTINUE IN A TENANT STATUS SIMILAR TO US FACILITIES AT LARISSA AND ELSEWHERE. GREEK MILITARY AUTHORITIES WOULD EXERCISE CONTROL OVER THE ENTIRE AREA UNDER MODALITIES COERED IN AN APPROPRIATE AGREEMENT, TO INCLUDE CONTROL OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SECURITY, SUCH AS AIR BASE ACCESS PROCEDURES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION, ACCESS TO US TENANT ACTIVITIES, CONTROL OF ALL GREEK PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY US FORCES, AND APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR ALL CIVIL ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES. THE AIRBASE WOULD ACTUALLY REVERT TO GREEK CONTROL, AS WOULD BE DEMONSTRATED BY CLEAR IDENTIFICATION OF THE BASE AS A FACILITY UNDER GREEK CONTROL, A SINGLE

ACCESS GATE CONTROLLED BY GREEK AUTHORITIES, THE REMOVAL OF CONSPICUOUS DISPLAY OF THE US FLAGS AND US MILITARY SYMBOLS, AND OTHER CHANGES WHICH GREEK AUTHORITIES MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS. AS PART OF THE TRANSFER THE US WAS ALSO PREPARED TO EXAMINE A REDUCTION OF THE US POPULATION LEVEL. THE US PROPOSAL WAS A CONCEPTUAL OUTLINE AND THE US SIDE WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS ALL THESE TOPICS AND OTHER IDEAS THE GREEKS MIGHT DESIRE TO PRESENT. CALOGERAS RESPONDED THAT OBVIOUSLY WHEN THE SUBGROUP MET THEY WOULD EXPECT SOME MORE DETAIL FROM THE US SIDE, AND ASKED THAT IN THE SUBGROUP THE US BE PREPARED TO IDENTIFY WHAT WAS ESSENTIAL AND OUGHT NOT BE DISCONTINUED AT HELLENIKON. HE SAID THAT THE GREEK REPRESENTATIVES WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO MAKE ANY SUGGESTIONS BUT WOULD LISTEN CAREFULLY. STEARNS REPEATED THAT DISCUSSION IN THE SUBGROUP WOULD NOT BE BINDING ON EITHER SIDE AND EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE GREEKS WOULD DO MORE THAN JUST LISTEN. CALOGERAS ONCE AGAIN STRESSED THAT NO DECISIONS WOULD BE MADE AT THE LEVEL OF THESE TALKS.

5. CALOGEAS NEXT OFFERED A PRESENTATION ON THE "GLOBAL ASPECTS" OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. RECALLING HIS REMARK DURING PHASE I THAT THE GREEK SIDE WOULD WISH AN AGREEMENT WORKED OUT BY BOTH SIDES WHICH WOULD THEN BE PRESENTED TO THE GREEK PARLIAMENT, HEBEGAN TO SKETCH OUT THE GREEK IDEA OF HOW THIS AGREEMENT WOULD BE FORMULATED.

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THE GREEK SIDE SAW THE AGREEMENT AS AIMING AT PROMOTING MUTUAL DEFENSE GOALS, BUT AVOIDING IN THE TITLE OR PREAMBLE REFERENCE TO FACILITIES OR BASES, SINCE THOSE WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN PUBLIC DISCUSSION. IN THE PREAMBLE IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO REFER TO THE GREEK DECISION TO LEAVE THE MILITARY SIDE OF NATO, CREATING A NEW SITUATION

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WHICH HAD TO BE REMEDIED. THE GREEKS WOULD WISH IN THE
PREAMBLE MENTION OF ARTICLES 3 AND 5 OF THE NORTH
ATLANTIC TREATY BECAUSE THE GREEKS FORMALLY REMAINED IN
THE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION OF THE ALLIANCE. CALOGERAS
STRESSED THAT THE GREEK AIM WAS TO MAKE MORE EFFICIENT
AND TO UPDATE MUTUAL COOPERATION IN DEFENSE MATTERS. HE
STATED THAT AGREEMENT THEN COULD BE REACHED CONCERNING
FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS USED BY US FORCES ON GREEK
SOIL, WHICH WOULD BE LISTED IN AN ANNEX TO THE AGREEMENT
THAT WOULD INCLUDE A STATEMENT THAT THESE FACILITIES WOULD BE PART
OF GREEK TERRITORY AND WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF
THE GOG. AS AN ILLUSTRATION OF THIS NEW RELATIONSHIP,
THE GREEK SIDE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A GREEK OFFICER AS
A COMMANDER PLACED IN EACH ONE OF THE REMAINING US
FACILITIES, ACCOMPANIED BY A DETACHMENT OF TROOPS DEEMED
IN THE AGREEMENT AS NECESSARY FOR HIM TO HAVE WITH HIM.
THERE WERE OBVIOUSLY A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING
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THE FUNCTIONING AND ACTIVITIES OF THESE FACILITIES,
INCLUDING JOINT USE OF THE INSTALLATIONS. THEREFORE,
EACH FACILITY MENTIONED IN THE ANNEX WOULD HAVE TO BE THE
SUBJECT OF A DETAILED TECHNICAL AGREEMENT. THIS WOULD REPLACE
THE CURRENT PATCHWORK OF TECHNICAL AGREEMENTS
AND BE AGREED TO AND SIGNED BY BOTH SIDES. THE TECHNICAL
AGREEMENTS WOULD NEED TO BE DISCUSSED AND AGREED WITHIN
A CERTAIN TIME LIMIT, SUCH AS THREE TO SIX MONTHS AFTER
THE SIGNING OF THE BASIC AGREEMENT. STERNES STATED
THAT IF SUCH A FORMAT WERE ADOPTED HE FELT IT WOULD BE

EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO SET A TIME LIMIT SUCH AS THAT STATED BY MR. CALOGERAS. CALOGERAS RESPONDED THAT THE IDEA WAS ONLY NOT TO LET THE NEGOTIATIONS DRAG. CALOGERAS ADDED THAT ONCE THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED ANY SUBSEQUENT CHANGE OR MODIFICATION, SUCH AS TO THE MISSION OR OBJECTIVE OF THE FACILITY, WOULD HAVE TO BE AGREED TO BY BOTH SIDES.

6. CALOGERAS COMMENTED THAT EACH SUCH AGREEMENT WOULD ALSO CONTAIN AN IMPORTANT CHAPTER ON THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE FACILITY. US FORCES WOULD HAVE FREE ACCESS TO ENTER AND LEAVE THE FACILITY, COULD FLY OVER GREEK TERRITORY OR USE GREEK TERRITORIAL WATERS, BASED ON AGREEMENTS WHICH WOULD BE REACHED IN EACH PARTICULAR CASE. "DUES" WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED, FOR WHICH THE EXAMPLE OF LANDING FEES WAS ADDUCED. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION WOULD BE NECESSARY ON THE STATUS OF REMOVABLE AND FIXED PROPERTY IN THE EVENT OF TERMINATION, FOLLOWING THE PRINCIPLE THAT THAT WHICH WAS PORTABLE COULD BE REMOVED AND FIXED PROPERTY REVERT TO THE RECEIVING STATE. CALOGERAS STATED THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THE US WOULD AGREE TO THE IDEA THAT TRAINING OF GREEK FORCES IN PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF TECHNICAL MATTERS COULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE US FORCES PRESENT, A USEFUL FORM OF COLLABORATION. A POINT OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE WOULD BE THAT THE USE OF THE BASES MUST BE ACCORDING TO THE AIMS AND WITHIN THE SCOPE OF NATO AND AFTER CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. IN CASE OF THREAT OF ATTACK ON GREECE COMING FROM ANY DIRECTION, THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE WOULD RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ASSUME CONTROL OF THE BASES TEMPORARILY, EITHER FULLY OR
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PARTIALLY. HE FURTHER MENTIONED THAT THE 1951 SOFA WOULD BE APPLIED, AND THAT SUCH SOFA SHOULD BE VIEWED IN A VERY BROAD SENSE. THE GREEK SIDE WISHED TO SEE THE SOFA APPLIED TO ALL AMERICAN PERSONNEL EXISTING, FUNCTIONING, OR LIVING ON GREEK SOIL. THERE WERE STILL SOME AGREEMENTS IN FORCE SIGNED IN 1947 AND 1948 ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AID PROGRAM. PERSONNEL WERE STILL WORKING UNDER THESE AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE IN RADIO STATIONS IN THESSALONIKI AND ELSEWHERE. THE GREEK SIDE WISHED THEM UNDER THE NATO SOFA AGREEMENT FOR THE SAKE OF CONFORMITY AND SIMPLIFICATION. INDEMNIFICATION FROM ACCIDENTS" ALSO SHOULD BE A SUBJECT OF THE AGREEMENT. GREEK LABOR LEGISLATION SHOULD ALSO BE APPLIED STRICTLY WHEREVER GREEK PERSONNEL WERE EMPLOYED. CALOGERAS FELT THE TWO SIDES SHOULD BE ABLE TO AGREE ON A TEXT SUCH AS HE HAD OUTLINED, WHICH MEANT THAT THE 1953 AGREEMENT WITH ITS APPENDICES, THE

1956 AGREEMENT, AND THE AGREEMENT ON HOMEPORTING WOULD CEASE TO EXIST. IT WOULD FURTHER BE NECESSARY TO DISCUSS THE MANNER OF TERMINATING AGREEMENTS IF THE NEED AROSE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE TWO SIDES SHOULD AGREE ON A PROCEDURE THAT ALL OR PART OF ANY AGREEMENT COULD BE REVISED IF ONE OF THE TWO SIDES SO WISHED. FURTHER, IF ANY TRANSGRESSION OCCURRED ON ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER, THERE WOULD BE A POSSIBILITY OF DENOUNCING THE AGREEMENT. THIS WHOLE MATTER WOULD BE COVERED BY A GENERAL AGREEMENT, WITH ANNEXES AND A TECHNICAL AGREEMENT FOR EACH US FACILITY REMAINING IN GREECE. IT WOULD BE A HOMOGENEOUS AGREEMENT REPLACING THE CURRENT PATCHWORK. CALOGERAS UNDERTOOK BY APRIL 15 TO GIVE THE US DELEGATION A DRAFT TEXT OUTLINING WHAT HE HAD JUST PRESENTED. HE RECOGNIZED THAT THIS DRAFT TEXT WOULD NOT BE FINDING ON EITHER SIDE BUT WOULD BE A WORKING PAPER WHICH WOULD BE THE OBJECT OF FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. STEARNS RESRVED DETAILED COMMENT ON CALOGERAS' PROPOSALS UNTIL THE US SIDE SAW THE DRAFT TEXT.

7. STEARNS STATED THAT THE US VIEW ON THE FORM OF THE AGREEMENT WAS OPEN-MINDED, BUT THAT IT SHOULD BE FORNE IN MIND THAT A NEW UMBRELLA AGREEMENT RAISED THE QUESTION OF RATIFICATION BY BOTH US AND GREEK LEGISLATURES.
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HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE MOST USEFUL OBJECTIVE OF THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WAS TO COME OUT WITH SOMETHING SIMPLER THAN THE PRESENT PATCHWORK OF AGREEMENTS. HE NOTED THAT THE CURRENT AGREEMENTS HAD BEEN USEFUL TO BOTH GREECE AND THE US FOR MANY YEARS, AND THAT HE WOULD RESERVE HIS POSITION ON THE ULTIMATE FORM OF ANY AGREEMENT. HE DID AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT UPDATING AND SYNTHESIZING WAS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE US SIDE AS WELL AND IT WAS IN THAT SPIRIT THAT THE US WOULD EXAMINE THE GREEK TEXT. HE FELT THAT THE GREEK DOCUMENT OUTLINED BY CALOGERAS WOULD CERTAINLY BE VOLUMINOUS AND THAT IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE IN THE CURRENT DISCUSSIONS TO EXAMINE THE PRACTICALITY OF RETAINING THE FORM OF WHATEVER AGREEMENTS ALREADY EXISTED, MODIFYING THEM AND BASING DECISIONS NOT ON AN ENTIRELY NEW DOCUMENT BUT ON REVISION OF THOSE IN BEING. ALSO, SINCE SUCH AGREE- MENTS WOULD BE BASED ON THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION OF THE TALKS, THE US RESERVED ITS RIGHT AND INTENTION TO MODIFY THESE AGREEMENTS BASED ON THE CONCLUSIONS THAT CAME OUT OF THESE TALKS. THE FORM OF THE AGREEMENTS WOULD DEPEND ON THE COMPONENT CONCLUSIONS THAT WERE REACHED. CALOGERAS AGREED THAT HIS PRESENTATION WAS ONLY AN IDEA OPEN TO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ARRANGEMENTS WERE THEN MADE FOR THE THIRD MEETING OF THE

SUBGROUP ON SOFA ISSUES ON MONDAY, APRIL 14. CALOGERAS
STATED THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO PRESENT A DRAFT AGREEMENT
TO THE US SIDE BEFORE THE NEXT PLENARY SCHEDULED FOR
APRIL 15 OR AT THAT MEETING.
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